THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) to (c) Some States/State officials do report the charging of interest rate above Prime Lending Rate (PLR) by some banks in the CLCC meetings, PRC meetings and PD Conference. The Ministry has immediately taken up the matter with RBI, States and Ministry of Finance, NABARD to take corrective measures. The issue of charging of high interest rates by the banks has always been the agenda item of above meetings. Hon'ble Minister (RD) has also taken up the matter with the Hon'ble Minister of Finance on the issue.

(d) Does not arise.

Target fixed by Planning Commission under PMGSY in Assam

181. SHRI KUMAR DEEPAK DAS: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the ambitious plan of Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana has met the target fixed by the Planning Commission in Assam;

(b) the details of the amount of money spent in each road, district-wise;

(c) the details of sanction against the Roads, yet to be completed in the district of Barpeta, Sirang and Bongaigaon;

(d) the number of projects which are still incomplete alongwith the district-wise details and number of project on which work has not started so far; and

(e) the reason for the delay?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) Outcome target and achievements under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) for Assam for the year 2007-08 are as under:—

	Target	Achievement upto Jan., 08
Length in Km.	1685	481.84
Habitations (in Nos.)	995	295

(b) to (d) Funds under PMGSY are released to the State as per PMGSY programme guidelines. Physical and financial progress of works taken up in the State under PMGSY are monitored by the Ministry. However, district-wise and road-wise details are maintained by the State Government. The details of physical and financial progress under PMGSY are also available on the website http://omms.nic.in.

(e) Reasons for delay in the implementation of some PMGSY projects are lack of adequate institutional and contracting capacity, non-availability of land, delay in obtaining clearance under Forest (Conservation) Act, delay in completion of long span bridges, unfavourable weather conditions etc.